

REMARKS

Claims 1-12, 20-23 and 34 are currently pending in this application. Claims 1, 3-5, 7, 9-11 and 34 have been amended herewith. Claims 2 and 8 have been canceled without prejudice. Prior to examination, entry of this Preliminary Amendment is respectfully requested. Upon entry of this Preliminary Amendment, claims 1, 3-7, 9-12, 20-23 and 34 will be the pending claims in this application.

AUTHORIZATION

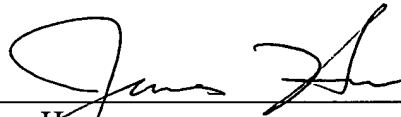
The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for consideration of this Preliminary Amendment to Deposit Account No. 13-4503, Order No. 1232-4577.

In the event that an extension of time is required, or which may be required in addition to that requested in a petition for an extension of time, the Commissioner is requested to grant a petition for that extension of time which is required to make this response timely and is hereby authorized to charge any fee for such an extension of time or credit any overpayment for an extension of time to Deposit Account No. 13-4503, Order No. 1232-4577.

Respectfully submitted,
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